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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE: FRANCE VISIT OF DOE, GLASER
PLUS THREE, OCTOBER 17 - 25, 2005

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11. Country Clearance is provided for following employees of Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy, to travel to Nancy, France, October 17 - 25, 2005:

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Travelers will attend a meeting of the organizing committee for the Seventh Les-Embiez Conference on High-Temperature Corrosion and Protection of Alloys and Coatings.

Please be aware that check-in time for hotels in France is officially 3:00 pm. If you require a room to be ready earlier you will have to pay lodging for the night before arrival and your travel orders should reflect this requirement. Concerning luggage, as a convenience, hotels may allow travelers to leave their personal luggage at their hotel prior to 3:00 pm on the day of check-in. If travelers cannot pay an additional day for an early check-in, it is up to the traveler to negotiate with the hotel to leave baggage prior to check-in.

12. Control Officer for the visit is Science Counselor Robert Dry who can be reached by e-mail at Dryrw@State.gov, by phone at 33-143-12-2550 or by FAX at 33-143-12-2941. He can also be reached at home via the Embassy switchboard at 01-43-12-22-22.

13. Upon arrival in France, please contact your Control Officer to provide updated contact information. Your control officer can provide information about any special security concerns/considerations for France. In the event of a crisis or serious international incident involving the United States, you must immediately contact your Control Officer.

14. Mission Media Policy:

In accordance with Embassy Paris media policy, visitors from all agencies should coordinate all media events, including press interviews or statements, with the Embassy press officer.

15. Embassy wishes to remind visitors that visas are required for holders of U.S. diplomatic or official passports on official business in France.

16. Action request: Each visitor must bring a copy of his/her travel orders (or forward fiscal data) to cover costs of visit. Each agency, organization, or visiting delegation will be charged for the actual costs attributed to their visit. These costs include, but are not limited to, American and FSN overtime, field travel by Embassy employees, vehicle rentals, long distance telephone calls, equipment rentals, representational events and all other costs that are directly attributable to the visit. Airport pickup is not provided for employees at the rank under Assistant Secretary. Visitors should take taxi, Air France bus, or rapid train service (RER) from airport.

17. Following is current security information for France:

(A) Terrorism: The current security situation remains fluid, and American citizens should be aware of the

potential risks and to take these into consideration when making travel plans. Visitors should maintain a low profile, vary routes and times for all required travel, and treat mail and packages from unfamiliar sources with suspicion. Additionally, in response to acts of terrorism within France, the French Government has continued its terrorism awareness posture, the "Plan Vigipirate." This plan calls for increased vigilance on the part of the general public, particularly in crowded public places which could be attractive targets for terrorists. French security services are also continuing to conduct identity checks and vehicular searches of the general public. All visitors to France are encouraged to assess their security posture, exercise prudent security practices, and report any suspicious incidents to the regional Security Office, Embassy Extension 2132.

(B) Crime: As with many large metropolitan cities, street crime is a problem. The two major problems in this regard are pick pocketing and thefts of opportunity. Tourist attractions, the public transportation system (both metro and RER), and some of the better-known hotels are considered to be main target areas. Robbers have been known to use tear gas-type spray either prior to the robbery or to divert the victim's attention or following the attack to prevent pursuit. A good strategy is to secure valuables in hotel facilities and carry only a minimal amount of money/credit cards on the street. Criminals have been known to enter hotel rooms to steal money, credit cards, etc. They have also been known to approach a room even if the occupant is present; visitors are urged to exercise caution when admitting unknown persons into hotel rooms. Hotel occupants should directly hand room keys to hotel personnel when departing because thieves are known to pick up unattended keys from hotel counter tops. While the threat of criminal activity is somewhat reduced in outlying cities, caution is still recommended. All crimes or untoward incidents should be reported to the Regional Security Office.

(C) Electronic devices: Privately-owned laptops and personal computers are prohibited in controlled access areas (CAAs) of the Mission and consulates. Travelers with USG unclassified and classified laptop or notebook computers

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should review '95 State 244394 (classified machines) and '95 State 243825 (unclassified machines) and notify the Information Management Office (IMO) before bringing these machines into a CAA. Cellular telephones are also prohibited in the CAA and must be left outside this area. Questions concerning other types of electronic devices may be directed to the Information Management Office or Regional Security Office.

(D) Travelers planning to stay longer than 30 days are required to schedule a security briefing with the RSO. For additional threat assessment information regarding France and/or Europe, you may contact DS/ITA in the State Department at (202) 663-0787.

18. Health Concerns: For up-to-date information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Mad Cow Disease and other health precautions for France, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website contains a detailed analysis of risks involved at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/diseases.htm>.

Please visit Paris' Classified Website at:
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/paris/index.cfm>
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